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HAVANA--NEW YORK ATTORNEY JAMES R. DONOVAN AND PREMIER CASTRO MET SECRETARLY TODAY IN WHAT WAS PURPORTEDLY THE FINAL PHASE OF TALKS TO FREE 1,113 CUBAN INVASION PRISONERS.

THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF WHERE THE TWO MEN MIGHT BE MEETING BUT IT COULD BE BEARNY VARADERO BEACH WHERE THEY TALKED FOR SEVEN HOURS LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS CASTRO'S RANSOM DEMANDS.

DONOVAN MADE A QUICK BUT UNANNOUNCED TRIP TO MIAMI FROM HAVANA DURING THE WEEK-END AND RETURNED TO THE CUBAN CAPITAL LAST NIGHT. PRISONERS' FAMILY SOURCES IN MIAMI SAID DONOVAN WAS ON THE VERGE OF CLOSING A DEAL WITH CASTRO FOR \$62-MILLION IN CASH AND MEDICINES IN EXCHANGE FOR THE INVASION CAPTIVES' RELEASE.

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